WASHINGTON'S UNSATISFIED YEARNING FOR BOHEMIA.



No Counterpart Here of Old Quartier Latin in Paris.

An Atmosphere of Staid Respectability in the Cafes.

Patrons of the Chinese Places Not Same as Elsewhere.

AS Washington a Bohemia? was asked a few weeks ago by one of the new arrivals in the official set of the The young woman who sought the information is the wife of a member of the Corps Diplomatique, who has recently been accredited to the United States. She comes from one of the gayest capitals of Europe, that boasts a thoroughly delightful quarter where members of the most exclusive sets may venture with entire propriety into atmosphere of art and letters in which, during a passing hour, the day's work is forgotten and conventionalities yield to unconcerned enjoyment.

She will not find it in this city. And is it not a pity that in cosmopolitan Washington there is nothing to take the place of the old Quartier Latin in home of "polite vaudeville" and follow Paris, or even the New York Botemia? Would it not be a pleasant
change to have at least one cozy little
restaurant that would make up in the
excellence of its menu for its rough excellence of its menu for its rough up from the highest and lowest of the set. After the performance they in-

In Other Cities.

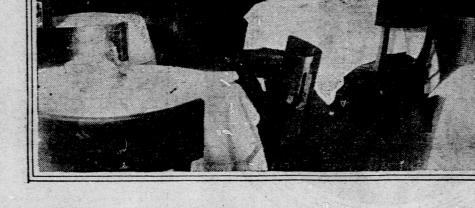
persons of the highest respectability and French and Spanish quarter, where all tete-a-tete with her leading man. classes meet without annoyance to the members of either. At the old Victor's on any evening could be found prominent men about town enjoying supper leans matrons. One can dine at Victor's

scarcely a tenth the size of Washington, the combined efforts of a dozen expensive hotels could product. The ceiling is obscured from view by the blue smoke blessed thing to be young." of a dozen Havanas. Even the waiters puff leisurely on big, black cigars, as they accept your order, with a mur-mured, "Si, senor." From a balcony overhead mandolins and guitars mingle their tones in soft Spanish love songsfor this is the Cuban quarter of an

American city.

It is not that Washington has no desire for Bohemia. The desire is well evidenced in the almost pathetic efforts that are constantly apparent to break away from rigid formality and monotonous routine. At their best, the enter-tainments of the official set are likely to be repetitions of what the partici-pants have gone through so often that what is supposed to be pleasure becomes a wearisome duty. It may cause the philosophically inclined regret to hear a debutante declare before the end of her first season that she is thoroughly bored, but it seldom occasions surprise.

In Search of Eldorado. Last season some of the more highspirited and rather reckless of the young set undertook a search for Bohemia. At several of the large dances small parties, entirely unchaperoned, it must be confessed, decamped from the ballrooms and started on tours of investigation. They were in search of an Eldo tion. They were in search of an Eldo-rado that did not exist. In their wild voted his time partly to the business of plunge into the realms of unconventionality the best program that suggest- larly to staring at each debutante in



The Smoking Dining Room Of The Willard.

Another very young party in a spirit furnishings and easy-going service? A place where one might lean back in a cane chair after a delicious supper and hear the strains of a stringed orchestra, with a cigar or pipe to induce a philosophic mood, and watch passing in and out an orderly patronage but one made of the audience they reveled in their departure from the ried rules of the out an orderly patronage, but one made departure from the rigid rules of their

dulged in the wild dissipation of a night supper in the dining room of one They have it in San Francisco. There sandwiches and highballs afforded them are parts of the Chinatown in that city the utmost pleasure, and the charm of where you will find cafes patronized by the situation was enhanced by the presence at an adjoining table of a well social standing. New Orleans has her known theatrical star who was supping

Supper in the Morning.

Still another striving after Bohemia during two seasons has been suppers at in the company of their wives. The 4 o'clock in the morning given in private fact that at the very next table might residences after some of the cotillons be seated parties that numbered women and germans. Many of the young men who might not be presented to them, did not mar the serenity of the New Or-"devilishness" sacrificed a few hours of necessary rest before taking up their day's work that they might revel in these departures from the cut and dried round of pleasures. They have not reached the age when "Wickedness that boasts such a quarter. There are in itself ceases to be attractive." It afrestaurants with saw-dust floors where fords them intense satisfaction to shudsuppers are cooked more tempting than der over their dark deeds, and if they

In fashionable circles there seems to be but one restaurant where the young people may go for after-theater suppers. At one of the largest hotels of the city there is a smoking dining room where palms and potted flowers flourish, and where a good orchestra discourses sweet music well past the midnight hour. The patrons of this establishment are nearly

wel! provided in this world's goods The management maintains a jealous scrutiny of those who come to sup so that only well dressed and equally well behaved people may expect to receive attention. There is an atmosphere of staid respectability throughout and even the waiters have the air of formal dejection and melancholy politeness When it is necessary to discourage an objectionable guest the deed is done with a gloomy courtesy that takes one back to the olden days in the court of

No Violence Necessary.

A certain member of the Diplomatic Corps made himself oftensive to the young women who came into this room eating and drinking, and more particuthonalty the best wise that succession. He was not thrown out by where, but there is something decidedly more intoxicated becomes the better time strange and unusual culinary results. It is stranged as each of the succession. He was not thrown out by where, but there is something decidedly more intoxicated becomes the better time strange and unusual culinary results. It is possible to the plays. His favorite instrument is an for him to take a chance at the Mexi-

"Over the mountains of the Moon, Down the Valley of the Shadow, Ride, boldly ride," the Shade replied, "If you seek for Eldorado." his orders with excessive obsequiousness | local "joints" is done during the late but somehow managed to forget them immediately. After several hal sinned filled with men and boys who have beer in this way the diplomat sent for the head waiter and stated his grievance,

He met a pilgrim shadow;

This land of Eldorado?"

whereupon he was informed in carefully chosen words couched in sad terms that the waiters were carrying out special instructions. Not to put it too bluntly, he was not to be served in the future.

It must be confessed that anyone who has been through the famous Chinatown in San Francisco, or even made a tour of the joss houses and restaurants of Pell Street in New York, will be much disappointed if he visit the Chinese restaurants of this city. There is an indescribable something lacking. The patrons of them are not of the same type found in other cities, for one

It can hardly be that the food is in ferior or not so well cooked as else-

hours of the night. The tables are then making a night of it. Rather the more disgusting forms of drunkenness ar encountered and the language heard is brutally coarse without the redeeming grace of wit or humorous absurdity. It seems to be considered necessary to eat cho) suey and the egg preparation that tastes like an omelette and has a name that sounds like "four young dogs, when the Washington rounders are too drunk to make any other display.

The Man With the Zitha.

Once in a while a round of the Oriental cafes is productive of some new effects. There is, for instance, a musical tramp who has made Washington his home and the barrooms and Chinese restau-He is usually exceedingly drunk and th

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old-fashioned Tyrolian zitha that i much the worse for wear.

In the early hours of the morning when he has consumed innumerable drinks of whisky he will hang over one of the little round tables with his head drooping on his chest and eyes closed. and effects one must be an expert on the origin of volcanic eruption.

He doesn't look at the instrument rest- the subject. In the American Museum "It is difficult," said he the other day. He doesn't look at the instrument resting on the table, but his hands move of National History of New York an esmechanically over the wires and faint pecial interest has been taken in observbut true you hear broken fragments of ing eruptions in all parts of the world. long forgotten operas that were played Directly in charge of this branch of in Berlin and Paris twenty years ago. science is Dr. Edmund Otis Hovey, asso-His repertoire is wonderfully varied He will play ragtime by request or if ment of the museum. Dr. Hovey is a ed with the Arrhenian theory which makes plain this supposition. There is

burg drinking song.

If you have some favorite tune you wish to hear it is only necessary to been a student of volcanic phenomena whistle it once. The miserable wreck's for twenty years. He was sent by the fingers repeat the melody a few notes behind your lead and when you have tions of Mont Pelee on Martingue and finished the entire selection is accu- of Soufriere on St. Vincent, taking passrately played. This man's scheme of age with other scientists on the Dixie existence is to cater to the drunken requests of men who have no knowledge the United States to the sufferers on of, or appreciation for, music. He receives a few dimes each night and very Only a few years ago he was first violin in one of the best orchestras in

The Mexican Eating Houses.

When the Washingtonian, who is seek ing strange and unusual culinary results Pathetic Efforts Made to Break Away From Monotony.

Unavailing Search Made by Some Members of Young Set.

A Rathskeller Close to Standard of Those Abroad.

china. Ale and beer drawn from the kegs are served in schooners and be tween each course the men can smoke to their hearts' content. This year the women are invading this man's paradise and undismayed by the clouds of smoke and absence of ceremony insi upon having dinners in the basement.

On the lower end of Pennsylvania Avenue near the Capitol there is a rathskeller that comes pretty close to the stand-ard established abroad. The amount of money expended in the decoration this one room is amazing. There is moclusters of electric lights in globes steins and mugs that decorate the walls represent a snug sum of money. The chairs are of heavy dark wood and leather. At one end there is a comfortable leather settee built along the wall and facing a long and highly decorated in. Careful practice will develop a

German and English sentences, adliking for highly seasoned dishes and in monishing the reader to abandon usea month or two it is possible to go less care and live in the present, under through the bill of fare in the Mexican eating houses without shedding a single are a part of the scheme of decorations tear. Hot tomales and Chile con carnes are the only dishes with which the local is the excellence of the imported beers patrons appear to be familiar. As a and alcs. And then, too, the patrons of part of the program of their visits to the place are more typical of Bohemia the Mexican hostelries consists in drink-ing black coffee and smoking the strong them are college boys, scientists, musiblack cigarettes of the rancheros it fre- clans, and both men and women from quently happens that these resorts are the best classes of the German inhabiexcellent places for sobering the round- tants of the city.

Washington is progressive and is near-There is one place that is especially ly always performing the unexpected. suited to stag dinners in Washington. Just at present it must be admitted that It is a smoking and drinking apart- we have no Bohemia nor does the prosment situated in the basement of a hotel pect of establishing one seem haminent, on Pennsylvania Avenue. The room is But in the passing of years almost anyfinished in dark wood and lighted with thing can happen in the Capital City shaded electric lamps. On shelves built and perhaps the time is coming when around the wells are long rows of deco- San Francisco and New Orleans will rated steins and on the walls can be have to admit that they have been seen inscriptions of numerous quatrains passed by the city that even now can from the Rubaiyat. A dinner will be make the successful claim of having served here with as much care and attention as in the large dining rooms uplation in the United States. Until that stairs and particular attention is given time comes we must don an air of reto orders for special dishes, cooked to serve when the charms of Bohemian order.



Lower Dining Room Of Harvey's.

And when his strength failed him at length,

"Oh Shade," said he, "where can it be,

STUDYING VOLCANOES

clate curator of the geological depart- in explosion, and I am greatly impressdwell lovingly over some German love student of Heidelberg, making a special ditty or the rollicking chorus of Heidelstudy of geology and allied subjects. He has been with the American Museum of National History for ten years and has museum to investigate the recent erupwhen that vessel conveyed supplies from the stricken islands. He was a member of the first party to ascend Soufriere after the eruptions, making three as cents of Pelee, taking photographs and making notes in the very mouths of the eraters while still in eruption. Since then he has delivered many lectures on the ne has delivered many lectures on the activity of these volcances and other subjects. His investigation in the line of volcanic study has resulted in visits to Vesuvius, Aetna, Stromboli, in Eagle.

THE study of volcanoes in the last the Mediterranean and the Vulcano few years has developed into a Islands. In 1303 he again visited Pelee separate science. To understand and made further investigations. even the theories of their causes Hovey holds the most modern views on

"to give a definite theory in regard the cause of volcanic activity. Scientists are still investigating the pheno Water is unquestionally an original constituent of the magma that finds vent no question that the interior of earth is in a highly heated condition. What is the actual cause of that condition is a matter of speculation. This matter in the interior of the earth is probably kept by great pressure in what might be called a solid molten mass, if such a term could be used. In other words, the matter is kept in an adhesive state. How this interior heat was formed, of course, leads one back to discussions of cosmogony. One theory is the old one advanced by La Pla holding to the hypothesis of nebulae floating in space and being compressed. Another theory is that the earth, instead of being formed of gaseous substances, was formed of heavenly bodies, like meteorites. La Place's theory meets with consideration from a large class